

## **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS**

Respectfully submitted to the Residents:

As I begin this report I am compelled to offer thoughts and prayers to the many men and women and families who fell victim to the economy during this past Fiscal Year and are now challenged to seek new employment or other means of income in order to survive. Particularly two employees of the Highway Department and two employees of the Park and Recreation Division are among reductions realized in Abington's labor force.

### **ROAD WORK**

Regular work for the Highway Department includes sweeping, road repairs, roadside mowing, line striping, sign repair/installation, drainage maintenance, traffic lights, tree care, ditch clearing, crosswalks, sidewalk repairs, snow and ice removal, equipment maintenance, etc...

### **Sidewalk and Drainage Restoration**

Unfortunately reallocation of funding from this program was necessary to bridge budget gaps. Working closely with the Town Manager we realize the need for continuance of the Capital Funding for walkways and drainage and look to restore this program as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, walkways and drainage issues which are located on roads scheduled for repairs through the State grants are incorporated to the best of our ability.

### **Staffing**

Current Staff includes:

(1)Superintendent,(1)Assistant Superintendent,(1)Part Time Clerical,(2)Heavy Equipment Operators,(3)Truck Drivers,(2)Mechanics.

Our Part time seasonal staff has been eliminated in an effort to reduce the budget.

### **Paving**

Funding provided in the Highway Department budget and the State Chapter 90 Grant Program allowed for the following pavement installation.

**Plymouth Street:** (From Whitman Town Line Northerly 4,000 lineal feet)

Curb to curb cold plane, level and profile with bituminous concrete, adjust castings and gate boxes and finish with 1 1/2" wearing surface.

**Central Street:** (From Washington Street to Route 58 Plymouth Street)

Curb to curb cold plane, level and profile with bituminous concrete, adjust castings and gate boxes and finish with 1 1/2" wearing surface.

Where applicable the sidewalks on the aforementioned roadways were repaired and / or resurfaced.

## **Snow and Ice**

<b>Snow and Ice Appropriation.....</b>	<b>\$ 80,000.00</b>
Total Expenditures .....	\$ 549,041.66
Total Federal / State Reimbursement.....	0.00
Total Snow deficit .....	\$ 479,041.66

## **Vehicle Maintenance**

To echo my comments of last year's report;

I have elaborated on the tremendous work performed in the vehicle maintenance division of the highway department, this year simply put, we are doing more with less! With the Foreman now in an expanded role as the Asst. Supt. the fact is that we have one less man spinning wrenches and the mechanics themselves are working in roles with more depth in highway operations. Financially, level funded budgets are a severe cut in this area due to high costs in fuel/parts and service.

**Chapter 90 funding** –Almost \$300,000.00 is expected as an annual release of State Aid funding for the specific use of Highway Department expenditures.

**Additionally,**

**Private/Public fundraising**-Private donation and collection efforts are being made with the overall goal of improvements to the athletic facilities around town, the Highway Department has been heavily involved in this worthy cause and if called upon we shall continue to help.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the administrative staff of the Highway Department for “carrying the ball” for a period of time this past season when I was unavailable,

Mr. John Caine, Assistant Superintendent

Mrs. Lisa Dodge, Administrative Assistant

Respectfully Submitted,

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Superintendent of Streets